

Y Guides Fall Camp-out at Camp Orkila – Husky Expedition

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL or SILLY STRING IS ALLOWED AT CAMP. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPECT.

Suggested Packing List

Warm sleeping bag	Pillow	Warm pajamas
Warm clothing/Rain gear	Warm jacket	Tennis shoes
Change of shoes	Extra clothes and socks	Toiletries/ Towel
Flashlight/headlamp/lantern	Extra batteries	Water Bottle
Food for Friday night cookout	Matches/fire starters (newspaper)	Camera
Earplugs (for parents)	Sunscreen	Hat
Band-Aids		Travel cup

You may also want to bring a tarp to cover the door of your cabin. It helps keep the heat in.

Getting to Camp

Driving directions: Take I-5 North to Exit 230 (north of Mount Vernon). The exit will say Burlington, Anacortes, San Juan Ferry. Turn left at the end of the exit onto Highway 20 West to drive about 20 miles to Anacortes. Follow signs in Anacortes to the San Juan Ferry. At the ferry landing, be sure to indicate your destination is Orcas Island when you purchase your ticket. For more ferry information go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>

When you arrive at Orcas, turn left and stay on the main road (Horseshoe Highway) following signs to Eastsound for about 10 miles. The road forks at Eastsound, turning into Lovers Lane. Stay to the left going towards the airport. Just before the airport, turn left on to Mt. Baker Road. Go up the hill about 1 mile, and the Camp Orkila sign will be on the left near the end of the road. Drive into camp and follow signs to the main parking lot. Speed limit in camp is 5 miles per hour. Please leave cars in the main parking lot, rather than driving closer to the waterfront or your cabin. If you take an earlier ferry on Friday than those listed below please enjoy some of the other recreational opportunities on the island. **Camp opens for us at 4:00.** If you arrive at camp before then, you can be on the beach or walk around camp but please do not move into your cabins or enter large bathrooms, which are being cleaned, until 4:00pm.

Ferry information: The Anacortes ferry landing is about 90 minutes north of Seattle. If you are driving on the ferry, you should plan on being at the ferry dock **at least 1 ½ hours early** for any of the Friday afternoon/evening ferries. If the weather is nice, you may want to get there even earlier.

Camp Orkila will provide bus transportation from the ferry dock to camp for people walking onto the ferries noted below on Friday. If you have changed your transportation mode since registering, please contact Shea to make sure numbers are accurate. If there are more people who need a ride than bus capacities allow, a second trip will be made to the ferry landing to pick up late reservations. Priority is given to those who signed up first. I will email people that will need to wait for the second bus trip at the ferry terminal. Please use the honor system and wait for others to board first if you are asked to.

When the announcement is made that the ferry is arriving at Orcas Island, go down the stairs to the car deck on the end of the ferry that is closest to the dock. Orkila vehicles will be blocking the ferry ramp, so please be quick about getting onto the buses, unless you have been asked to give priority loading to others.

Sign-ups for the Sunday ferry buses will be available in the camp dining lodge on Saturday. Bus loading and departure times will be available on the sign-up sheet and announced at meals.

These are the ferries for which there will be bus transportation:

- **Friday ferries leave Anacortes at 3:50 PM and 7:20 PM**
- **Sunday ferries leave Orcas at 8:50 AM and 12:05 PM**

Personal boats: If you are planning to travel by boat, you will need to contact Beth Wangen at bwangen@seattlemca.org to reserve a mooring prior to heading up to camp.

Seaplanes: If you are travelling by seaplane, they can land at the dock or the beach at Orkila.

Friday Evening

Parking: Parking is restricted to the main lot. Carts will be available at the parking lot and/or camp office to move luggage. **If you do drive your car to Orkila, please park in the designated parking area and carry your stuff to your cabin. Personal guest vehicles are not allowed on camp roads beyond the main parking lot. If you use a cart, please return it so others can use it, too.**

Check-in: Cabins are open beginning at 4 pm. I will be in the dining hall on Friday from 4-9 pm and at meals on Saturday and Sunday to answer questions, distribute maps, t-shirts and schedules. Cabin, meal and activity assignments will be posted in the dining hall. You do not need to check in with me as individuals. Circle leaders will need to confirm circle numbers by Saturday lunch. Circle leaders will pick up smores and tshirts for the whole circle.

Dinner and activities: Full camp dinner is not provided on Friday. You can eat before getting to camp or BBQ on the beach. You will need to provide your own BBQ grill or cook over an open campfire. This year, Orkila will offer pulled BBQ chicken sandwiches for \$3 with coleslaw, carrots, and milk from 6-9pm in the lodge on Friday night. Pottery and marine life center will be open for drop-in on Friday evening.

Fires: Firewood is available in three wooden bins in north, mid, and south camp. Please take a small amount and leave some for the next group. There will be plenty if there is no hoarding of firewood. Bring your own kindling/fire starters/matches, etc. Campfires are allowed only in designated areas and on the beach, below the high tide line, unless a fire ban is in effect. Driftwood must be left unburned.

Weekend Schedules and Assignments

Cabins: You will be assigned to a cabin(s) with your circle. Cabin assignments will be sent out one day prior to the camp-out via email. Traditionally, third grade circles get to stay in the cabins on the waterfront. Most

cabins are open air cabins, with bunks and mattresses. Make sure to bring warm pajamas and sleeping bags. **Do not leave food in your open-air cabins since there are raccoons around camp. There is a side kitchen in the dining hall where you can store food, if you do not have a vehicle or other secure alternative. Please label all items placed in the side kitchen with name and date. Please, do not put nut products in this kitchen, as it is also used for guests with food allergies.**

Activity assignments: Most activities are drop-in and will be listed in the program provided by Camp Orkila. The zip line is reserved for third grade circles. Giant swing is reserved for second grade circles on Saturday and Sunday. (For mixed age circles ONLY SEND THOSE IN 2nd GRADE TO GIANT SWING OR ONLY THOSE IN 3rd GRADE TO ZIP LINE) The climbing tower is reserved for kindergarten and 1st graders on Saturday, with drop-in availability Sunday for other ages. Boating will be drop-in for all ages Saturday and Sunday. Activity schedules will be emailed out one day prior to the camp-out, posted at check-in and listed in your program. Other drop-in activities include: Life & Death in the Forest, Riflery, Archery, Pottery, Arts & Crafts, Boating, Marine Center, Pond, and Climbing Tower.

Camp Orientation

Following Breakfast on Saturday morning Camp Orkila staff will hold an orientation of activities, rules and policies at the campfire pit at 9:00am. Please inform all your members that this is taking place and please attend. Many pieces of important information are communicated at this time (including the first snazzler clue).

Meal rotations and clean up: Meal rotations will be posted on the dining hall door and in your programs. Please arrive on time for your meal rotation.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CHECK YOUR PROGRAM UPON ARRIVAL

The following 2nd grade circles have been assigned to help with a quick clean up after specific meals:

- Saturday breakfast: Awesome Adventurers and Jumping Jellyfish
- Saturday lunch: Funky Monkeys and Pink Cupcakes
- Saturday dinner: Ninjas and Blazers
- Sunday breakfast: Midnight Monkeys

Campfire: Campfire will begin at 7:15 PM on Saturday. S'more packets will be provided to circle leaders before the campfire on Saturday. Our campfire consists of fire starting, introduction of new circles, songs, circle skits, a campfire story, and s'mores. New circles and circle members will be called to the stage to introduce themselves. New circle leaders, have your circle decide on a name beforehand—you can look at the list of existing names to get some ideas. New circles have the option of performing a short/funny skit to perform along with all of the other circles. Please refer to camp staff or expedition leaders for help with skits.

General Information

Cell service: If you are at the beach at camp, it is likely that your cell phone is picking up Rogers or Telus Tower in Canada, making your call international. If you would like to avoid this please walk up towards the parking lot, and your phone will pick up a tower from the U.S.

Alcohol and tobacco: **Absolutely no alcohol is allowed at camp. Smoking is prohibited.**

Departing camp: Please remember to sweep your cabins and take out all garbage and bring to central garbage cans around camp. Let's leave camp spotless. Departure times for the buses going back to the ferry on Sunday will be posted at camp. Again, remember to leave your cars in the parking area and carry your stuff from your cabin to your car.

Contact information: I will be heading up to Orkila on Friday morning. If you have any last minute questions, you can contact Shea on her personal cell: 443.454.5988, or program coordinator, Juliana at 425.870.3763.